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In re the Patent Application of

Keiichi Maeda

Art Unit: 1753

Serial No. 09/867,626

Examiner: Kishnor Mayekar

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTROPLATING

AMENDMENT FOR FILING WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
(RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

Accompanying the above-identified RCE request transmittal,  
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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> JUL 22 2003 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	<b>Application Number</b>	09/867,626
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☒ Enclosed  
i. ☒ Amendment  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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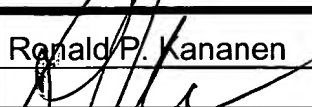
2. a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)  
b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees**

3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0013.  
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed  
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT IS REQUIRED**

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